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LB 510, 38, 425

SENATOR KEYES: Then I'll ask Senator Kremer a question. Senator Kremer will you answer if you know about this? Senator Kremer, this act as it is originally implemented here in this Legislature some 2, 3, or 4 years ago, that you and I were active in, does this mean that as it stands right now without these amendments that they can actually join in with the Game and Parks Commission in setting up habitat and so forth, wet lands and so forth and use our funds?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know what you mean by a bill passed several years ago unless it's 1357. ...natural resource districts.

SENATOR KEYES: We set up the NRDs as I understand it now we'll be able to work with the Game and Parks Commission with certain types of land setting up certain things that the NRD and the Game Commission would work with.

SENATOR KREMER: 1357 stipulates how they spend their money for the various purpose of operation within the respective districts and it includes development of parks and so on. Now how it's related to the...

SENATOR KEYES: Then Senator Murphy's amendment is not going to take that away from us?

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on motion to advance. Mr. President, Senator Bereuter asked unanimous consent to print some amendments to Article 13 of LB 38. (Refer to pages 1044-1045). Mr. President, Senator DeCamp gives notice that the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee will have an executive session at 8:30 under the North Balcony.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit. No, are there committee amendments. I'm sorry. 425.

CLERK: Read LB 425. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President. LB 425 is another in a series of bills that I've introduced over the years to facilitate the collection of child support payments. What LB 425 does is to provide that the county attorney may launch an investigation to determine if there is a parent or a step parent available to make child support payments or to assist in the support of a child, anytime that an individual applies for welfare. At the present time, the request must first come from the Department of Public Welfare through the county attorney. The enactment of this bill will speed up the process and should hopefully prevent some of the abuses that might be occurring today where a parent should be supporting a child even though divorced or separated from the mother and is not doing so. If there are any questions, I would be glad to try to answer them. If not, I would move for the advancement of the bill to E & R.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

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